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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendment and in view of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application, and claim 9 is amended by the present amendment.

Objection to the Claims

Claim 9 was objected to for informalities. Claim 9 is amended in light of the comments noted in the outstanding Office Action; accordingly, it is respectfully requested this objection be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 USC §§ 102 & 103

Claims 1, 2, 5-7, 10 and 12-20 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as unpatentable over US patent no. 6,446,109 B2 to Gupta (herein "Gupta"); and claims 3, 4, 8, 9 and 11 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as unpatentable over Gupta. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 recites "notifying from the terminal device to the delivering source device of information specifying resources to be delivered and a relay device for receiving the resources," and "delivering the resources specified by the notification from the delivering source device to the relay device specified by the notification." Independent claims 2, 3, 5, 7-11, 13-18 and 20 recite similar features.

In a non-limiting example, a terminal device located at site 406 can specify webtop server 418 before the terminal device travels to site 416, so that a desired set of data will be held by the webtop server 418 by the time the terminal device arrives at site 416. The particular webtop server 418 to which the data is to be delivered is specified in the information notified from the terminal device to the delivering source.

As an advantage, the terminal device will then be able to obtain the data set promptly upon arrival at site 416, and download time is reduced for downloading a data set from the application server to the webtop server.

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In contrast, Gupta at column 9, line 53 to column 10, line 2 only discusses webtop servers which cache software downloaded from a production data center, in which a client requests software from one of the webtop servers and the webtop server either serves the software to the client directly (if the requested software is already cached on the webtop server) or indirectly by downloading the software from the production data center and then serving the software to the client (if the requested software is not already cached on the webtop server).

In Gupta, the terminal devices only interface with one of the webtop servers, but do not send notification to a production data server. Therefore, the terminal devices of Gupta do not send notification to a delivering source, in which the notification specifies a relay device for receiving resources to be delivered, and Gupta does not discuss or suggest at least "notifying from the terminal device to the delivering source device of information specifying resources to be delivered and a relay device for receiving the resources," nor "delivering the resources specified by the notification from the delivering source device to the relay device specified by the notification," as recited in the pending independent claims.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted pending independent claims 1-3, 5, 7-11, 13-18 and 20 and each of the claims depending therefrom patentably distinguish over Gupta.

Conclusion

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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